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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Organizational Meeting of the Behavioral-Medical Sciences Board

REFERENCE : A Memo for participants dated 22 September 1969, Subject: Meeting of Behavioral-Medical Sciences Board

B C/FI memo of 27 August 1969, entitled "Coordination of Ops Support for CS in Behavioral-Medical Sciences."

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1. The initial meeting of the Behavioral-Medical Sciences Board, with [REDACTED], C/FI/Ops, as Chairman, and limited to representatives from the CS and OMS, was held 26 September 1969 in the FI Staff Conference Room. (See Att. A for names of participants.)

2. The chairman noted the reasons for the organization of the Behavioral-Medical Sciences Board and objectives as circulated in the C/FI memo of 27 August 1969. The Board will serve as an intermediary or a clearing-house between CS Operating Components and Behavioral Medical Scientists of TSD, OMS, and other Agency elements to facilitate operational support and bring important developments of common concern to the attention of the CS. The Board will not function as a working group nor set up new hurdles in obtaining approvals for CS projects.

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3. [REDACTED], DD/MS, in explaining the interest of OMS in the Board, stated that there had never been a formal working relationship between the total resources of OMS and CS components and that the Inspector General had cited this as an area that might well be examined. OMS welcomed the creation of the Behavioral-Medical Sciences Board as a positive step toward essential improvement.

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4. [REDACTED] stressed the importance of having CS components consult with OMS as early as possible on any case; for example, [REDACTED]. Since OMS must

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25X1A 9. [REDACTED] NDDP/TBO, raised the question of a special course for officers on inter-personal relations which OTR was planning. FI/Ops undertook to inquire into this matter with [REDACTED] of OTR and will report at the next meeting of the Board.

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11. On 22 September, a check-sheet was sent to CS participants asking them to indicate the categories of their interest in operational support through behavioral-medical sciences. In a discussion of the responses, it was noted that Agent Assessment, Selection Criteria for Potential Agents, Inter-Personal Relations, and Motivation and Control were rated high in interest, with a strong interest shown in Potential Leaders, Target Analysis and Selection Criteria for Case Officers and for Principal Agents. (A more detailed summary of the replies to the questionnaire will be found in Att. B)

12. Before the next meeting, which will be held in November, there will be a conference between the Behavioral-Medical Scientists and members of FI/Ops to plan the full agenda. It already includes the following items:

a. Officers of OMS and TSD/BAB will outline current projects and developments which are of common concern to the CS.

b. Results of a check-sheet, which will be sent to behavioral-medical scientists, will be discussed. These check-sheets will give data on studies, research, and projects which the scientists believe should be brought to the attention of CS components, or which have not been adequately exploited in operational support.

c. There will be further attempts to explore channels for obtaining research or consultants and also further attempts to develop a means to regularize and coordinate useful activities in this regard.

13. Recipients of this memo will find some useful information in Attachment C which includes excerpts from responses

received by FI/Ops when the organizational meeting was announced. Some of these responses give evidence of widespread interest in what the Board might accomplish.



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Att:

- A - List of Participants
- B - Compilation of data from check-sheet
- C - Excerpts from responses by participants